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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

21. (Currently Amended) A teleconferencing system
for conducting a teleconference
among a plurality of participants comprising:
- (a) a plurality of video display devices each having associated
 - (i) participant video capture capabilities, and
 - (ii) participant audio
 - (1) capture and
 - (2) reproduction capabilities; and
 - (b) at least one communication path
 - (i) along which signals
 - (1) representing participant audio and video
 - (ii) can be transmitted,
- wherein the system is configured to
- (a) display
 - (i) a first and a second directory each including potential video-enabled participants in which
 - (1) the first directory is viewable by all potential video-enabled participants, and
 - (2) the second directory is ~~a subset of~~ made by copying fewer than all entries from the first directory and is viewable by a single participant,
 - (ii) on at least one video display device; and

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- (b) to initiate collaboration
 - (i) upon a selecting participant establishing communication
 - (1) with a selected participant
 - (2) to define the teleconference.
22. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein
- (a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of
 - (i) displayed icons and text
 - (3) representing the potential participants.
23. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein
- (a) a selecting participant can
 - (i) select
 - (1) at least one of the participants and
 - (2) at least one of a displayed set of additional communication types;
and
- wherein the system is further configured to
- (i) establish communication
 - (1) of the selected type
 - (2) with a selected participant.
24. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein
- (a) the set of additional communication types includes at least one of:
 - (i) data conferencing, videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, sending
faxes, sending electronic mail, and the sending of multimedia mail messages.
25. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein
- (a) the selecting participant can use
 - (i) at least one computer graphic user interface
 - (ii) to select
 - (1) at least one of the participant(s) and/or

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- (2) at least one of the communication types.
26. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein the system
- (a) defaults
 - (i) to a default communication type
 - (ii) upon selection of a participant.
27. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to allow a participant:
- (a) to select
 - (i) a further participant
 - (ii) from the potential teleconference participants and
 - (b) add
 - (i) the new participant
 - (ii) to the teleconference.
28. (Previously presented) The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to:
- (a) allow
 - (i) at least one participant
 - (ii) access
 - (1) to at least one audio and/or video signal source; and
 - (b) reproduce
 - (i) audio and video
 - (1) based on signals
 - (2) from the accessed signal source
 - (ii) for another participant.
29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein
- (a) a selecting participant case
 - (i) select

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- (1) at least one of the participants
 - (2) using a hot key.
- 30. (Currently amended) A method for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants, each having an associated video capture and display and audio capture and reproduction capabilities, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) displaying
 - (i) a first and a second directory each including potential video-enabled participants in which
 - (1) the first directory is viewable by all potential video-enabled participants,
 - and
 - (2) the second directory is ~~a subset of~~ made by copying fewer than all entries from the first directory and is viewable by a single participant
 - (b) selecting
 - (i) one or more participants
 - (1) from among a plurality of the displayed potential participants; and
 - (c) establishing communication
 - (i) with a selected participant
 - (ii) to define the teleconference.
- 31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein
 - (a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of
 - (i) displayed icons and texts
 - (1) representing potential participants.
- 32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

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- (a) selecting
 - (i) one or more desired participants
 - (ii) from the first directory; and
 - (b) selecting
 - (i) one or more desired participants;
 - (ii) from the second directory; and
 - (c) establishing communication
 - (i) with all selected participants.
33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
- (a) selecting a communication type,
 - (i) from a displayed set of additional communication types; and
 - (b) establishing communication
 - (i) of the selected type,
 - (ii) with each selected participant(s).
34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein
- (a) the set of additional communication types includes at least one:
 - (i) data conferencing, videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, sending faxes, sending electronic mail and sending multimedia mail messages.
35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein
- (a) the step of selecting
 - (i) one or more participants
 - (ii) invokes a default communication type.
36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
- (a) selecting
 - (i) a new participant
 - (ii) from among a plurality of potential teleconference participants; and
 - (b) adding

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- (i) the new participant
 - (ii) to the teleconference.
- 37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) detecting,
 - (i) during a first teleconference
 - (1) between a first and a second participant,
 - (ii) an attempt
 - (1) by a third caller
 - (2) to initiate a second teleconference
 - (3) with the second participant;
 - (b) notifying
 - (i) the second participant
 - (ii) of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the second participant
 - (i) to add
 - (ii) the third caller
 - (iii) to the first teleconference.
- 38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) allowing at least one participant
 - (i) access to at least one audio and/or video signal source, and
 - (b) reproducing video and/or audio
 - (i) based on signals,
 - (ii) from the accessed signal source;
 - (iii) for another participant.
- 39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
 - (a) allowing a participant
 - (i) in an existing teleconference with

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- (1) a plurality of other participants
 - (ii) to place on hold
 - (iii) at least one of the other participants.
- 40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
 - (a) allowing a participant
 - (i) in an existing teleconference with
 - (1) a plurality of other participants
 - (ii) to disconnect
 - (iii) at least one of the other participants.
- 41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) selecting a participant
 - (i) by using a hot key.
- 42. (New) The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the second directory is made by dragging entries from the first directory into the second directory.
- 43. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the second directory is made by dragging entries from the first directory into the second directory.